

## PROJECT ABSTRACT

**Project Title:** Service Area Competition

**Applicant Name:** Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University

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**Type of HRSA Funding Requested:** Section 330 (e) Community Health Center

**Funding Priority Requested:** Program Compliance and Patient Trend

**Service Area ID#:** 304 (Springfield, IL)

The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, the public entity grantee organization, is a public university with a broad offering of education programs, most notably which includes the School of Medicine. In addition to training future and current physicians through degree and residency programs and research, the school also operates primary care health centers, including the SIU Center for Family Medicine (SIU CFM), which is the co-applicant organization. SIU CFM operates 13 service delivery sites, two of which are mobile vans and in 2018, the health center served 33,108 patients with 130,681 medical, dental and behavioral health visits.

The service area for SIU CFM includes 76 zip codes located in 13 Illinois Counties and two Missouri Counties. The total service area population is 435,825, of which 34.5% (150,359 residents) have annual income below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines and represent the target population for SIU CFM. The service area includes numerous Federal designations, indicating a significant lack of health care resources and overall unmet need within the service area. Access to critically needed health care services is further limited due to lack of health insurance among 5.7% of the service area population, representing 24,842 residents.

Significant health needs and health disparities are found in the service area, and include premature death, mental health, low birth weight, infant mortality, child mortality, diabetes, smoking, obesity, sexually transmitted disease, teen births, cancer (breast, cervical, colon, liver, lung, kidney, ovarian, prostate, skin, oral), and substance abuse, among many others. These health disparities demonstrate a critical need for comprehensive primary, preventive and supplemental health care services in the proposed service area. As evidenced by these data, service area residents of all lifecycles experience poor health outcomes and overall poor health status.

SIU CFM's services and programs address these health disparities by providing comprehensive primary health care services to a projected 36,000 patients in Year 1, with services provided by 32.6 FTE primary care physicians, 16.6 FTE midlevel providers, 4.0 FTE dentists, 3.0 FTE dental hygienists, 13.7 FTE behavioral health providers, 1.2 FTE substance use disorder providers and appropriate clinical and administrative support staff.